

## FAMISHED RUSSIANS EATING THEIR DEAD

SCENES IN STRICKEN DISTRICTS  
REHEARSED BEFORE MOSCOW  
GATHERING.

The first official report of cannibalism in the famine districts of Russia has been made to the All-Russian Soviet Congress by Delegate Ovsienko of Samara, according to a dispatch to the official Rosta, News Agency, dated Moscow.

"At Ramikovesky the perishing people are eating the bodies of their dead," Ovsienko told the Congress. "It is dangerous to bury the famine victims in the presence of the people and guards must be kept over them until they are in a state that makes eating impossible."

Ovsienko said that Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, High Commissioner of the International Committee of Russian Relief, even though a hardened explorer, returned to Moscow sickened by the scenes he witnessed in the stricken districts. The speaker said that children are being taken to the steppes and left there to die; that mothers, maddened by their experiences, cut the throats of their babes.

At the beginning of January, continued Ovsienko, the Soviets, with all their outside aid, will be able to feed only half the starving children and only one-twentieth of the adults. The rest of the people would have to die while awaiting help.

Famine dead are being carted by wagon loads from trains and railroad stations at Ufa, Samara and elsewhere in the Volga district, according to cabled reports concerning conditions there, which have just reached the offices of the American Relief Administration.

Details are given about the disposal of city famine dead, which go to show the famine dead, which go to show how rapidly the number is increasing. The reports add: "When wagons are not immediately available, the dead are thrown into big bins and snow shoveled over them to preserve the bodies. They are usually buried in trenches in the cemeteries."

The writer adds that while visiting the cemetery late in the day he saw fifty bodies still unburied, though the workmen had been busy since morning.

Twenty to 40 per cent. of the people are fleeing this region in the hope of escaping to better territory, the cables state. The remainder, facing

grimly the improbability of improving their condition, are doing their best to live on bread composed of weeds and clay. It is reported kitchens are now being opened in the Bashkir Republic by the American Relief Administration, which has already established two in the villages of Belerethk and Shishowa, each of which feeds 350 children.

### Would Save Armenians.

The First Baptist church of Laurens, Governor Cooper's place of worship, have asked President Harding to save Armenians from the tragedy which threatens them and a special set of resolutions passed unanimously by the congregation at its last meeting, it was announced today by Congressman A. F. Lever, Honorary Chairman of the Near East Relief. The resolutions were directed to Senator Dial to convey their petition to President Harding and ask fellow Christians throughout the country to join them in demand to free Armenia. The resolutions are as follows:

Whereas: It is reported through the Associated Press that the Armenians are facing another massacre upon the withdrawal of the French troops from Armenian territory on January 4th, and

Whereas: They have asked the President of the United States to intervene to save them from this horrible fate, and

Whereas: We know that these poor, persecuted people have already suffered vile atrocities at the hands of the unspeakable Turk,

Therefore be it resolved: 1. That the First Baptist church of Laurens, S. C. in meeting assembled, do hereby petition President Warren G. Harding to heed the cry of a defenseless and doomed people, and to see to save them from the terrible tragedy that threatens them.

2. That we ask Senator Dial to convey our petition to President Harding, and

3. That we ask our fellow Christians all over this land to join us in demand for a free Armenia.

Ten elders of the Seventh Reformed church at Grand Rapids, Mich., were poisoned at the morning service Sunday when they drank varnish that had been poured into a communion cup in the belief it was sacramental wine.

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## BREAK GAME LAWS

Warning Issued to Hunters by Chief Game Warden.

The state game department has already convicted 462 people this season for violations of the game and fish laws of this state, according to A. A. Richardson, chief warden. A large percentage of these convictions, Mr. Richardson said yesterday, grew out of cases where persons attempted to hunt without license, this especially being true during the holidays.

"Each county game warden has been ordered to be on the alert and to thoroughly cover his county during the holidays and to demand of every hunter to show that he has the proper kind of license," the chief warden said yesterday. A number of special deputies are covering different sections of the state with positive instructions to see that every person hunting has the proper license and that the game and fish laws are obeyed.

In order that those who wish to hunt may understand exactly what is necessary for them to have in the way of licenses, the chief warden issues the following prerequisites for hunters of different classes:

"All non-residents of South Carolina, regardless of whether they own land in this state or not, are required to procure what is known as a non-resident hunting license, the cost of which is \$15.25. A non-resident holding such license is entitled to hunt in any county in the state.

"A bona fide resident of any county wishing to hunt in the county in which he lives is required to procure what is known as a county hunting license, the cost of which is \$1.10. A county hunting license is only saleable to a resident of the county, and a resident of one county can not go into another county and buy a county license.

"A bona fide resident of South Carolina wishing to hunt outside of the county in which he lives is required to procure what is known as a state hunting license, the cost of which is \$3.10. A state hunting license entitles the holder thereof to hunt in any county in the state.

"License can be obtained from the county game wardens or any of their agents, said agents being located in practically every town in each county.

"The penalty for violation of the resident license law is \$25, and the penalty for violation of the non-resident license law can be as much as \$500.

"All persons who expect to do any

hunting are warned that it will be well for them to procure the proper kind of license."

## Co-operative Marketing.

In support to the drive for membership and in support of the movement itself, the Raleigh News and Observer says "The following editorial from Wallace's Farmer, the paper of Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace, is a strong statement of the effect of co-operative marketing on the prosperity of California and the good condition of California's farmers:

"From the newspapers, from travelers returning from California and from relatives living in California, we get the same story. California is withstanding the depression far better than any other section of the country. A California paper in discussing the relative prosperity of the far West sums up the situation as follows:

"In our judgment our buoyancy is due to the facts that the general agricultural income of the State comes from unique and relatively high-priced products and that we have learned how to handle them so that their market value does not all go to traders."

"The California producers through their co-operative association do their own merchandising. They are interested in the price as such and not merely in a margin. They have been able to hold the price of their products relatively higher above the pre-war than other farmers have been able to do. In the middle West our grain dealers and especially our grain exporters seem to be interested solely in handling a large quantity of stuff.

They seem to prefer that the price be low rather than high so that they can sell with less exertion. The fact that traders are interested in a margin rather than the absolute price acts to exaggerate mid-west prosperity and depression periods. Traders, because they are so short-sighted are perfectly willing to pay a price which will inevitably cause a shortage within a few months or a year and as a result they are then compelled to pay a price which is so attractive that there will inevitably be an over-production within a year or so.

"As producers come into complete control of the selling end of their business they tend to set a price which is more stable from one year to the next, a price which maintains production more constantly at the same level. This greater ability is one of

the chief advantages of the co-operative movement."

"North Carolina will have fewer 'John Smiths' when it has co-operative marketing or a better system of selling farm crops which will enable farmers to get more for what they grow, and be in position to buy farms and homes and pay for them. Comparatively, farmers pay high prices for what they buy, and receive low prices for what they sell. When prices of farm products are good or high, homes are bought and paid for, and when low, farmers are not able to buy and cannot purchase and pay for homes and land, and many lose the ones they have. Co-operative marketing or group selling, as against individual selling will help the farmer to get better prices for what he produces, and is one of the big factors in land and home owning.

"The News and Observer is firmly convinced that co-operative marketing is the one method by which the profits on farming can be kept in large measure in the hands of those who by the sweat of their faces have earned them. In the past the speculators and as Secretary Wallace's paper calls them, the 'traders' have reaped in too many cases an unjust proportion of the gain that has come through the productive effort of the farmer. Co-operative marketing will strengthen the farm system at the point where it is weakest."

## Book That Won Lincoln to Church.

A recent dispatch from Chicago to the New York Herald says: "Rev. Dr. W. E. Barton of Oak Park has found an old book that changed the religious thinking of Abraham Lincoln. The name of the book was 'The Christian's Defence,' by James Smith. It was published in Cincinnati in 1843. The book was found after a long and systematic search through second-hand shops and in the attics of libraries, colleges and theological schools from New England to Mississippi.

"Dr. Barton tells the following story of the long-missing volume:

"The story connected with this book had its start back in 1850, when Edwin Baker Lincoln, second son of Abraham and Mary Lincoln, died at Springfield, Ill., said Rev. Barton. "Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in the absence of Rev. Charles Dresser of the Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Lincoln was a member.

"Shortly after that Lincoln, visiting in Lexington, Ky., picked up a thick

leather-bound volume called 'The Christian's Defence.' He noted that it was written by the Springfield minister, who had so recently come into his home.

"On his return to Springfield Lincoln borrowed a copy of the book from the author and became deeply interested in it.

"It was the outgrowth of a religious debate between Rev. Mr. Smith and an infidel named Olmstead at Columbus, Miss. Mr. Smith was a Scotchman who had been a deist. When he was challenged to this debate he took eighteen months to prepare for it.

"He quoted from Volney's 'Ruins' and Paine's 'Age of Reason' and showed himself thoroughly familiar with the literature of the opponents of the Christian religion, and then brought in his refutation.

"Lincoln in his early manhood had read Paine and Volney and had been impressed by their teachings. He had never heard their arguments refuted in this manner. He returned the book to Dr. Smith with the statement that he considered his arguments 'unanswerable.'

"It is remarkable that all knowledge of this book perished from Springfield. The fact that there was such a book came out in connection with the Lincoln centennial celebration in Springfield in 1909.

"After Lincoln read the book Mrs. Lincoln left the Episcopal church and joined the First Presbyterian church and Lincoln rented a pew, paying \$50 a year for it."

## Woman in Prison Gets Many Gifts.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—One hundred and seven Christmas gifts ranging from toilet water to a \$1,000 bill, were received Sunday at the county jail cell occupied by Mrs. Madelyne C. Obenchain, jointly indicted with Arthur C. Burch, for the alleged murder of J. Belton Kennedy. The names of the donors were not made public.

A present which Burch was said to have tried to give her was not among them, and for violation of instructions against talking to her he was removed to a less comfortable cell.

During the day Mrs. Obenchain received visits from her former husband, Ralph Obenchain, now one of her attorneys, and from her mother and sister, Mrs. Emma Smart and Miss Glenyis Smart.

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